



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 109:2-7-01 Definitions.

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When used in this chapter:

- (A) The term "commission" means the Ohio peace officer training commission;
- (B) The term "executive director" means the executive director of the Ohio peace officer training commission;
- (C) The term "evaluator" means a person who has been certified by the executive director to conduct examinations to determine the ability of a canine unit to perform at the minimum proficiency standards established by the commission;
- (D) The term "patrol-related canine" means any dog utilized by a law enforcement agency which regularly engages in patrol-related duties;
- (E) The term "special purpose canine" is any canine which performs one or more of the following:
 - (1) Tracking
 - (2) Explosive detection
 - (3) Narcotic detection
 - (4) Article detection
 - (5) Any other special purpose designated by the general assembly or the commission.
- (F) The term "canine unit" means a canine handler, who shall be a sworn law enforcement officer and a canine;
- (G) The term "minimum standards for certification" means those requirements and standards as established by the commission which must be met by a canine unit in order to be eligible for certification.
- (H) The term "crisis response canine" is any canine utilized by a law enforcement agency which is trained to provide strength, comfort, and emotional support to individuals, families, communities, and first responders experiencing intense traumatic emotions in the aftermath of critical incidents.